



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

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Tēnā koe,

**HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA SUBMISSION ON MACKENZIE DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW
– STRATEGIC CHAPTERS (PLAN CHANGE 20)**

To: Mackenzie District Council
Name of submitter: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT)

Submitter details

1. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of New Zealand's historic heritage.
2. HNZPT could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Submission details

3. HNZPT understands that Mackenzie District Council have chosen to undertake a rolling review of the District Plan and that Plan Change 20 relates to the strategic and introductory chapters of the review.

The specific provision of the proposal that HNZPT's submission relates to is:

4. The Strategic Directions chapter (Part 2 – District-Wide Matters / Strategic Direction). This chapter sets out the overarching strategic direction for the District Plan and should identify the resource management issues, including matters of national and regional importance, that are of particular importance to the Mackenzie District.

Our submission is:

5. The Mackenzie District has a wealth of history which plays an important role in generating a feeling of identity and wellbeing, as well as encouraging intergenerational connection. The identification and protection of important historic heritage items can enhance the value and appreciation of the district to those who live and work there as well as to those who visit, in many cases also generating economic benefits.
6. Council is required, under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), to recognise and provide for matters of national importance, including section (6)(f) the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. We acknowledge that this will mainly be achieved through provisions within the Historic Heritage chapter, which we understand will be reviewed at a later stage. However, the Strategic Directions chapter sets the scene in determining the most important issues within the district which all other chapters within the plan must be consistent with. HNZPT generally supports the issues identified in this chapter but notes that the proposed Strategic Directions do not include an objective to promote the identification, recognition and protection of places, structures and features which are significant to Mackenzie's wider character and cultural heritage.
7. We submit that such an objective should be included as recognition of the important contribution that historic heritage makes to the district's character and identity, and as an acknowledgement that significant heritage will be protected from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development. The omission of such an objective lessens the perceived significance of historic heritage within the Mackenzie District.

We seek the following decision from Mackenzie District Council:

8. HNZPT requests the inclusion of a strategic objective to provide high level direction regarding the identification, recognition and protection of places, structures and features which are significant to Mackenzie's wider character and cultural heritage. Recognising the significance of heritage resources as part of the overarching direction of the District Plan will generate greater awareness and help ensure their protection for future generations.

Submission at the Hearing

9. We wish to speak in support of our submission.

Additional HNZPT comments

10. We understand that this stage of the District Plan review proposes to only introduce any definitions related to chapters within this stage and that additional definitions and changes to existing definitions will be added as required through further stages. In the preparation of those later stages of the review, we encourage clear, unambiguous definitions in relation to historic heritage and the terms used in its description, management, and protection.

11. HNZPT would welcome consultation in advance of the Historic Heritage chapter being reviewed.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine Whybrew', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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